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ARMED HENDERSON CO. METH DEALER PLEADS GUILTY

– Project Backfire Prosecution

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today that **JASON TYRONE BERESFORD**, age 30, of 230 S. Ingram Street, Henderson, Kentucky, **pled guilty** to possession of methamphetamine with the intent to distribute and carrying a firearm during and in relation to the drug trafficking crime.

The minimum sentence is 5 years and the maximum potential penalties are life imprisonment, a \$1,250,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 5 years.

Beresford admitted that on June 22, 2006, in Henderson, Kentucky, he knowingly and intentionally possessed with intent to distribute methamphetamine. The street value of the drugs seized was \$500.00. **Beresford** also admitted he possessed a Taurus 9mm firearm in relation to his drug trafficking.

This was a **Project Backfire** prosecution. **Project Backfire** is a partnership of state and federal law enforcement which targets violent offenders for prosecution to the fullest extent of state and federal law.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney James H. Barr and was

investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Kentucky State Police, Henderson Police Department, Henderson County Sheriff's Department, and the Daviess County Sheriff's Department.

The plea was entered before Joseph H. McKinley, Judge, United States District Court, Owensboro, Kentucky.

Beresford is scheduled to be sentenced before Judge McKinley on May 15, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., in Owensboro, Kentucky.

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